

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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Los Angeles County has more people living with AIDS today than ever before. HIV counseling and testing is crucial to reaching the estimated 15, 000 persons that are HIV- infected and to stop the spread of the County's estimated 2,000 new HIV infections which occur every year.

Voluntary counseling, education, testing, referral and partner notification programs provide people an opportunity to learn their HIV status, receive information about behavior changes to avoid infection and transmission of HIV and referrals for prevention and medical care.

Stigma and fear regarding HIV/AIDS lead many people that are at risk to not get tested; Counseling and Testing Days are a critical component of the County's Public Health response to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and promote the health and welfare of County residents through the increased awareness of HIV/AIDS.

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I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles does hereby proclaim June 20 -27, 2004 as "HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING DAYS" throughout the County of Los Angeles and urges all residents to assess their risk for HIV infection and consider taking an HIV test if appropriate.

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